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Establishment of [redacted]
Radio Base Station.

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1. A new survey of the [redacted] was completed on 22 February 51. This survey revealed that sufficient land area on which to establish a [redacted] Radio Base Station is available within these [redacted] air bases. In view of this it is requested that action be initiated to obtain a written agreement from [redacted] authorizing [redacted] to establish a permanent type radio base station within the [redacted]

2. For your information and for whatever assistance it may be to you in preparing this request, you are advised of the following:

a. On 20 February 51 the undersigned [redacted] in company of [redacted] met with General [redacted] was well briefed on the subject and in complete agreement with the project. He explained however that since the original survey in September, 1950, [redacted] (L) had been stationed at [redacted] and that facilities such as billeting and warehousing space were at a premium; also, the [redacted] was being used as a Gunnery Range and there was the possibility that this would prohibit our use of this area. [redacted] suggested that we go to [redacted] and discuss our problem with [redacted] (L). If [redacted] had no objection to our establishing the station at [redacted] and if some arrangement could be worked out whereby both the antenna farm and the Gunnery Range could be fitted into [redacted] we should then proceed to Hqrs, [redacted] and obtain [redacted] verbal approval before returning to [redacted] [redacted] called both [redacted] and [redacted] and advised them of his action in this matter.

b. Upon arrival at [redacted] was briefed on the project and was agreeable to the project being established on the [redacted] providing no warehousing space was required and not more than six (6) men would have to be billeted during the construction period. The use of [redacted] was also agreed to after we had surveyed same (in company of his Chief of Staff) and he was assured the antenna farm would not interfere with the gunnery range.

c. After receiving [redacted] approval of the project we proceeded to Hqrs, [redacted] where the matter was discussed with [redacted] agreed to the project providing the space to be allotted for the firing range [redacted] (approx 2850 ft) meets [redacted] safety requirements.

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d. It was apparent from the discussions that [] will attempt to retain the [] Also, it was evident that they [] were aware that if [] was permitted to build the permanent type base radio station at [] it would add weight to [] request to retain the airfields after the [] is signed. You are aware, of course, that [] has directed that we obtain [] assurance that they will attempt to retain [] after the [] to protect [] interest.

e. The problem of Logistic Support as well as other assistance which will be required from [] was only briefly discussed. It was the opinion of all concerned that these problems could be covered in general terms in the original agreement with [] and worked out in detail after the agreement was completed. It must be kept in mind, however, that [] will require that [] make available their engineering facilities, prepare the construction contract and obtain bids and let the contract as a [] project. FRU [] of course, will be responsible for paying all costs through []

3. In summing this up it appears the immediate step to be taken is to obtain an agreement acceptable to [] incorporating the following:

a. The areas of land are to be as indicated on the attached drawings:



c. That [] will take such measures as are possible to treat [] as post treaty bases to protect [] interests.

d. That [] may take immediate action to initiate construction of the radio base.

e. That [] will have complete authority to man, operate and administer this radio base.

f. That [] will be responsible for all preliminary engineering, including preparation of drawings to specification furnished by the [] engineer, and for letting the contract for construction of the radio base - subject to FRU/[] approval.

g. That in addition to the land area required for the base station, [] will afford land area within the established [] base to permit construction of BOQ and dependent housing units providing, of course, that such housing cannot be furnished from existing constructions at the time the base station is completed and ready for operation.

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h. That [] will assume the administrative responsibility of providing security guards during the construction period, and, if necessary assign additional [] to the [] to supervise this additional guard detail. [] will reimburse [] for the cost of such indigenous personnel employed for this purpose.

i. That [] will assist [] in employing such other indigenous personnel (drivers, laborers, interpreters, etc.) as may be required and assume the administrative responsibility connected therewith during the construction period.

j. That [] will furnish Logistical Support to personnel assigned to the Base Station as outlined in the attached "Plan for Logistic Support of [] Base Radio Station []"

k. That [] will provide office, billeting and messing facilities for not more than six (6) [] personnel during the construction period.

l. That [] will provide maintenance facilities for [] vehicle during the construction period.

4. It should also be remembered in preparing the final agreement between all parties concerned, that this project does not have an overt name and that while FRU [] will be administratively responsible for the project, it is desired that the two installations not be known by the same name. Request that you determine if [] is agreeable to this installation being known as [] This Headquarters is obtaining [] concurrence in this memo.

5. In view of home office pressure and the high priority given to establishment of [] Class A stations throughout the world it is requested that this agreement be expedited. For your information the Chief of Mission FRU is responsible for all administration in connection with this station in accordance with [] Joint Communications Committee letter of instructions dated 12 January 51. This station is not under the Technical or Operational supervision of FRU Chief Communications Section [] because of his already excessive communications load. He will however, furnish the necessary technical guidance as required and when possible to do so.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Area Drawings
2. Plan for Logistic Support

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